

REMARKS

Claims 6-25 are pending. Claims 6-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §02(e) as being anticipated by Vu, U.S. Patent 5,623,601.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephonic interview on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006 with the Undersigned and Ralph Wesinger, Jr.

During the interview, the remote configuration capability of the invention as presently claimed was discussed. The ability of the present invention as claimed to allow a user to remotely configure a firewall through an HTML-based interface was discussed. The Examiner expressed a preliminary opinion that such capability is not taught or suggested by Vu. The Examiner asked for an amendment more particularly pointing out the configuration interface.

Independent claims 6, 11, 17, and 21 have been amended to now recite that a user may configure the firewall through a familiar “point-and-click” interface, such as a web browser. Support for this limitation may be found at paragraph 52 and throughout the Specification.

It is respectfully submitted that Vu does not teach or suggest such a capability. It is respectfully requested that the instant application be reconsidered in view of the Amendment and Remarks contained herein and the instant case be allowed.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this application or this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at 775-848-5624.

Respectfully submitted,  
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